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SUBJECT:US SCIENTIFIC TEAM TO PENRHYN ISLAND

REFERENCE: WELLINGTON 2387

1. NOAA EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO DATE
AND REALIZES THE MINIMUM RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT PENRHYN.
NOAA REQUESTS FURTHER COORDINATION WITH GNZ AND/OR COOK
ISLANDS GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON THE AVAILA-
BILITY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ASSISTANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING
REQUIRED SUPPORT:

A. AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM PENRHYN, EITHER
GOVERNMENT OR COMMERCIAL.

B. QUARTERS AND SUBSISTENCE FOR UP TO FIVE PERSONNEL IN-
CLUDING MESSING FACILITIES, FRESH, STAPLE, AND PRESERVED
FOODS, AND FRESH WATER.

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C. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVERS, MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL AND
LABORERS TO COMPLEMENT THE U.S. TEAM.

D. ELECTRICAL POWER FOR SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND, IF NECES-
SARY, SUPPORT FACILITIES.

E. RADIO TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR DATA TRANSMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.

F. MEDICAL FACILITIES AND EMERGENCY EVACUATION.

G. FUEL FOR VEHICLES AND POWER GENERATION, IF NECESSARY.

H. EXISTING METEOROLOGICAL FACILITIES, WORK AREAS, AND STORAGE.

I. METEOROLOGICAL EXPENDABLES, PARTICULARLY HELIUM.

J. STAGING FACILITIES, WAREHOUSING, SHIPPING AND RECEIVING. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAGING LOCATION SHOULD BE SOLICITED.

2. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SUBJECT PROJECT IS INTENDED TO COMPLEMENT THE EXISTING METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAM ON PENRHYN WITH THE DATA EXCHANGED GLOBALLY VIA THE GLOBAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AS IS NOW THE CASE. IF ADVISABLE, NOAA WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS PROJECT WITH APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF GNZ AND COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT.

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3. FYI. ALTHOUGH ARRANGEMENTS CONCEIVABLY COULD BE MADE FOR TOTAL SELF SUFFICIENCY, THE PROJECT COULD BE JEOPARDIZED FINANCIALLY UNLESS SOME OF THE SUPPORT IN PARAGRAPH 1 IS PROVIDED IN KIND BY THE GNZ AND/OR COOK ISLANDS GOVERNMENT.

4. FYI. U.S. NOAA IS CONSIDERING AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE USE OF U.S. SCIENTIFIC PERSONNEL ON PENRHYN. PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF U.S. TO WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION MIGHT APPROACH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NZ WITH PROPOSAL TO COOPERATE UNDER WMO VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. GNZ MIGHT THEN BE IN POSITION TO ARRANGE WITH GOVERNMENT OF COOK ISLANDS FOR LOCAL PERSONNEL TO MAKE OBSERVATIONS. THEY WOULD USE EQUIPMENT MADE AVAILABLE UNDER WMO VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO NZ BY U.S. EMBASSY WILL BE KEPT INFORMED. MUCH OF INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH ONE ALSO REQUIRED IN THIS ALTERNATIVE. VANCE

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